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ever party you are, and you will have done your duty. As soon as a man begins to talk of the sacredness of party and your obligation to it as the most important consideration in a municipal election, you may conclude at once that he and his friends have some axes to grind, and that he is coaxing you to turn the grindstone.

PORTLAND AND LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES is a remarkable, even a unique American city, in several respects which will occur to the reader. It is especially noticeable recently because during the past two or three years it has grown in population by a far greater percentage than any other American city. Whereas it had a population of 102,000 in 1900, it claims now nearly 300,000, and has perhaps 275,000, or at least over 250,000, and is still rapidly growing. It is unique in being the home of a great many wealthy people from the east who have settled there on account of the climate—which, however, is by no means so perfect as might be desired or as is represented, yet on the whole is very agreeable as compared with that of Chicago or Boston. Los Angeles is peculiar, too, and fortunate, in having had for many years no serious labor strikes. It is industrially an "open town," and its industries are carried on uninterruptedly. Though climate was its chief original asset, Los Angeles is now a great manufacturing center and railroad terminus. Though surrounded by a desert, irrigation has caused much of the desert to "blossom as the rose." Los Angeles has spared no expense, either in advertising itself or building itself up. It is known and read about throughout this country and abroad, and it is careful to live up to its professions and pretensions. Just now it is preparing to spend \$23,000,000 to bring in water from Owens river. It has fine streets and takes care of them—though floods sometimes destroy them. It toots its horn loudly, and it "has the goods" to show.

Now here is Portland with better chances than Los Angeles to become a great city, one of half a million, three quarters, eventually a million inhabitants. Our climate will not attract rich eastern people so much, yet taken the year through and for all practical purposes we have the better climate. Instead of a desert country back of and around this city, we have one of great fertility and immeasurable resources. Portland is or can be made the favorite and best seaport on the coast, the very fact that it is 100 miles inland being an advantage. Its prominence and importance as a railroad terminus and center are or will be greater than Los Angeles'. The conditions and circumstances surrounding the two cities are very dissimilar in many respects, similar in some. There is no good reason why during the next 20 years Portland should not grow faster than Los Angeles.

But we must make Portland known and must do things. Not one person in the country has heard of or knows much about Portland—ten, perhaps one hundred, that know all or a good deal about Los Angeles. We must make people know about this city. And when they come to see we must not disappoint them. We must have a deeper channel, a better harbor, better streets, better parks and more of all the things that attract and hold people. Los Angeles has not hesitated at the expenditure of millions where we are hesitating at the spending of hundreds of thousands.

Los Angeles is now striving to become and declares that it will become the most beautiful city in the world. It will spend tens of millions with a view to attaining this distinction. And how many Portland people realize that this city can itself outclass Los Angeles in this respect with a far less expenditure of money? And still fewer people realize what this would be worth in a practical business way. Portland's opportunities are great; it is for this generation to live grandly up to them, to push Portland forward into the proud position that it ought to occupy.

The incident of the Orchard interview gave the prosecuting attorney of Ada county, Idaho, a chance to get into print and make himself in an incidental sort of way for a few minutes a figure in the great case, and he seized the opportunity, like a small and hungry fish, with avidity. With reiterated and pompous phraseology he assures the court, and the array of eminent attorneys, and the government, and the country, and the world, that he has thoroughly investigated, and has absolutely and utterly proved, or disproved, all the motives, intentions, designs and secret thoughts of everybody concerned, and found them white as snow and soft as wool. In the amplitude of his wisdom and under the tremendous responsibilities of his office, he does suggest to the court the formation and an-

ouncement of certain restrictive rules which he kindly and deferentially allows the court to promulgate in its judicial discretion. Having thus bobbed up on the scene of the great drama for an instant, as a stage carpenter might if a scene-screw was loose, and managed to get himself into print to the extent of half a column when two lines were ample, it is to be hoped the local prosecuting attorney will subside from distant view.

M'LOUGHLIN.

EVERYBODY in Oregon, old and young, ought to take a lively interest in the McLoughlin institute, the cornerstone of which was laid at Oregon City yesterday, and it would be only appropriate if as many people as possible, regardless of sect or religious belief, would aid its upbuilding substantially. It is more than a Catholic enterprise, as McLoughlin was more than a Catholic. To his memory every citizen of Oregon, of whatever creed, now and hereafter, owes reverent regard. He was a great and timely man—as all great men are timely. He was beyond all others the father and founder of Oregon, even though he was a Briton. He should have a great monument of the kind proposed, that will grow and endure as long as there is an Oregon.

As was anticipated, Mr. Devlin, through Chairman Cake, declines to engage in a joint discussion of municipal affairs with Mayor Lane. This is disappointing to many people, as both candidates are well informed upon municipal matters, and in a joint discussion they could have given a great many more people a better opportunity than they will otherwise have of forming a judgment for use on election day. If took Mr. Cake a long time to decline Mr. Montague's proposition, and it is supposed that he was casting about for some good reason or excuse for declining, but as he found none after all he might as well have declined at once.

The Journal congratulates the management of the Oaks on its decision to make that resort "dry" this summer so far as intoxicating beverages are concerned. A pleasant place to which women and children are invited, and to which they may otherwise properly go with pleasure and profit, is no proper place for the sale of intoxicants. The Oaks will lose some patronage of the hoodlums and toughies and rowdies, but it will more than make up for this, we hope and believe, by the patronage of people to whom places where intoxicants are promiscuously sold are disagreeable and perhaps unendurable.

Again it is reported that Corey is to be forced out of the presidency of the steel trust. If the report should prove true, the country, without overlooking the fact that the steel trust would remain a great legalized plunderer of the people, could not avoid having some little respect for it.

(From the Los Angeles Times.) A Corey's marriage with Mabelle Gilman cost him \$5,114,490—enough money to found a bank, establish a great industry, build a battleship or erect a cathedral. Of this sum, \$2,000,000 went right to the wife of the day of his youth, an small wealth, the mother of his children. She ought to have taken half of the money and the husband had as her personal share, and half of the remainder should have gone to support his children. Were this course followed in cases of divorce like this one, there would be fewer of them.

The preacher who sold his clerical function for a mess of pottage got \$1,000, too much for such a "steward of the mysteries of God," but too little for so great a sacrifice of principle.

The whizplay of wealth as might be expected from a man so careless of right as Corey and at the hands of the dashing footlights beauty whose career had done nothing towards the elevation of the stage. Whoever inspired the last display of wealth did not show good taste.

These vulgar manifestations of what money can do have more evil effect in the world than a hundred pulpits counteract in sermons once a week in a year. Every reader of the public prints is aware of all about this wedding. Those who frequent places where an antidote may be had are by moral training, intelligent cultivation, good taste and wholesome associations protected from its influence. Those not so protected are imbued with envy at the rich man—with a conception that this sort of thing is happiness and that no happiness is possible without plenty of money.

Men like Corey kindle more fires of discontent and make more socialists than Emma Goldman and Debs.

This Date in History.

1598—Christopher Columbus died.

1825—French and Dutch defeated Spaniards at Aven.

1781—David Dudley Field, clergyman and author, born.

1806—John Russett Mill, political economist, born.

1824—France announced her intention to retain Algiers permanently.

1859—Austrians defeated at Montebello.

1861—North Carolina seceded from the union.

Small Change

Henry comes out on top again.

Lane has made no business for Henry.

When thieves fall out—vide Ruef and Schmitt.

Even Roosevelt can't reform the weather.

The cake machine may turn out considerable dough.

Man never wastes breath in discussing women's waists.

Still, a race of a widow is not an uncommon occurrence.

What is wanted is weather to match the waists and things.

Corey and wife are out of the country for awhile; that's a little relief.

At least Abe Hummel did not plead brain storm or dementia Americana.

The conservatives are beginning to think that Taft might not be so bad.

Interest in baseball cannot be kept up long if one team never wins a game.

New York City completes an average of 46 buildings a day. That beats Portland a little.

Those eastern people are always complaining about some kind of weather—whatever it is.

The Oyster Bay postoffice will soon need some extra help, which of course will be supplied at once.

Mabelle Gilman-Corey says the man who claims to be her father is not. She assumes to be a wise child.

If the end-seat boys could only be sold for 6 or 7 cents a pound, they would bring a lot of money.

When wheat goes up "out of sight" in Chicago it has usually gone actually out of sight of the farmers.

The president is reported as saying "I am far from a man of genius." What! and John Barrett right in Washington.

But if Newport and Seaside are to be prohibition places, how can they expect visitors to report seeing sea serpents?

Alfred Austin says he wouldn't change places with a bird. And no bird, especially if it can sing, wants to become A. A.

It seems that every time the Italians hear of a new rich man in America, they get busy painting a lot of old masters to suit him.

The American peace delegates at The Hague will have to pay \$200 for their rooms, besides the cost of board and service. At this rate maybe peace will cost more than war.

It is presumed that in his late visit to the president Hon. John L. Sullivan of Boston expressed his agreement with the president's sentiments on the subjects of mollycoddles and peace.

A Pittsburg man has established a chicken farm on a nine-acre tract worth \$450,000, so that his family, including himself, can have fresh eggs and fat tender chickens. That is a good deal better than spending \$1,000,000 to get a divorce and marry again.

Hermiston continues to grow healthily.

Weston is to have a new first class hotel.

Pendleton may have a cooperative wool scouring mill.

Pendleton has 25 saloons which pay a license of \$900 a year each.

Brownsville will have a first class vegetable and fruit cannery.

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A man on the trip from Prineville to The Dalles drank four quart bottles of whiskey. He was going to Portland to get married and this was his last chance. His wife will be lucky if he continues to think so.

A Bend man is introducing a breed of ducks into that section that he says are certainly prize-takers. From February 1 to May 1 four of these fowls laid 183 eggs, or an average of 73 for each duck in 77 days.

The farmers around Dayton are making many improvements this season, says the Optimist. The one feature of destroying old orchards and taking proper care of the good trees will do much toward raising the value of farm lands.

Two 12-year-old Astoria boys placed powder in a can and after punching a hole in the side of it put the lid on tightly. Then a lighted match was placed in the hole, the boys having the expectation of seeing the can sail up through the air. Instead the can exploded and the boys narrowly escaped sudden death.

Brownsville Times: The growers, knockers and cold water throwers now have an opportunity to go down and sit on the railroad track and watch the work of development going on the new farm.

Yonkers, N. Y., has a lot of little hammers and knock to your heart's content, the enterprise is a go in spite of you.

Why in thunder is it that while Drain has the brightest prospects of any town in Oregon, it seems that every town in the entire country is outgrowing its population? asks the Nonpareil. Is it because about all the vacant lots in town belong to outside parties who are desperate to get rid of them, or because our people are too careless to offer newcomers and homeseekers the proper encouragement?

Incendiary Bridge Fire.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hood River, Or., May 20.—A fire which is said to have been the work of incendiaries was started under the upper bridge over the White Salmon river, and was discovered and extinguished before it had gained much headway. It was seen first by some boys, who alarmed the neighborhood. The destruction of the bridge would have meant considerable loss to the country and much inconvenience to traffic.

Canal Purchaser Resigns.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, May 20.—David W. Ross, the \$10,000 a year general purchasing agent of the Isthmian canal commission, has tendered his resignation. It is understood that he has been dissatisfied with some Chicago firm. He came here under the shorts regime.

Admiral Converse Honored.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, May 20.—Rear-Admiral Converse who today retired as chief of the bureau of navigation of the navy department, has been made president of the board of construction as a special mark of distinction for his services, which President Roosevelt warmly complimented in a personal letter.

The Play

Hoyt wrote many clever plays, but it is doubtful if he wrote one more thoroughly amusing and enjoyable than "The Contended Woman," which was produced by the Baker company yesterday. It pleased two large audiences and provided as many genuine laughs as could well be crowded in the brief time of the performance.

"The Contended Woman" is a satirical farce on the woman suffrage question. The scene is laid in Denver, where women vote and where indeed they have been elected to public office. Benton Holmes, a part that is excellently portrayed by Edgar Baume, is nominated for mayor. Previous to his nomination his wife has refrained from enjoying her rights and privileges under the law. As a result of a quarrel, however, she becomes an advocate of equal suffrage and accepts the nomination for mayor. The play affords numerous opportunities for excellent work on the part of individual members of the company.

Mr. Baume is ideal in the part of the abused husband and defeated candidate, while Miss Louise Kent, who finally became a contended woman after her successful candidacy and seemingly endless domestic wrangles, gives a perfect interpretation of the part.

The conspicuously comic feature of the performance, however, is "Aunt Jim," a boldly advanced type of the popularly accepted modern woman. The part is taken by Miss Cecylia Olsen. Her makeup in portraying the character is in itself a work of art. Her acting is superb and she is unquestionably the most popular feature of the show. William L. Gleason, as Todie, Aunt Jim's husband, also provides a great deal of merriment.

Donald Bowles gives a finished and artistic portrayal of the part of Cutting Hints, brother of the women's candidate for mayor. It is in such "juvenile" parts that Mr. Bowles' genuine admiration for William Dillie, as Van Dyke, a negro servant in the Holmes household, who is also a candidate, does some very clever character acting.

William Harris, James A. Gleason and Howard Russell are extremely funny as the three practical jokesters who represent the city committee. Mr. Russell, however, gives about as impossible an interpretation of an Irishman as could well be imagined.

Miss Maribel Seymour has the part of Mrs. Robertson, the divorcee, and as pleasing as usual. She won considerable honors with her specialties, and Miss Elsie Garrett was also enthusiastically recalled.

"A Contended Woman" will be the bill at the Baker for the entire week.

"Wicked London" at the Empire.

For the closing week of the Empire season "Wicked London," a melodrama that will likely be the most popular that has been produced by the Seaman company, is the offering. It was presented to two crowded houses yesterday and was enthusiastically received.

The scene of the play, as indicated by the title, is laid in the world's metropolis. The play has an abundance of thrilling scenes and emotional situations. There is an element of heart interest throughout the piece that is strongly appealing.

A feature of the performance that is well worth watching is the acting of Miss Margaret Pitt, the leading woman of the Seaman company, who has made so pleasing an impression in Portland. Her performance is highly finished and artistic and her gown is objects of admiration. Miss Pitt's character in this city is hoping that she will remain in Portland after the Seaman company is disbanded.

Raymond Whittaker, the leading man, is also at his best this week, appearing as a clerk of a rich merchant who vainly attempts to thwart the marriage of his daughter to the clerk. Mr. Whittaker has also made a large number of friends during his brief engagement in this city who will be reluctant to see him leave.

Among other members of the company who appear to good advantage are Herbert Ashton, Charles Connors, Leo Lindhard, C. Kehoe and others. Miss Ethel Jones and Miss Lillian Field, who have served under the Seaman company at the Empire, have comparatively little to do this week.

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